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SUBJECT: KEEPING IDDI AMIN IN LINE ON ANGOLA

REF: BANGUI 1922 (NOTAL)

1. AS HE PROMISED CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA, DEPARTING FROM TEXT OF PREPARED "BALANCE SHEET" SPEECH ON HIS TEN YEARS IN POWER, CONDEMNED SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA IN ADDRESS CARRIED LIVE ON NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION SEVERAL HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL OF UGANDA AND OAU PRESIDENT IDDI AMIN DADA ON TWO-DAY OFFICIAL STATE VISIT. BOKASSA MADE PLEA FOR CESSATION OF ARMS DELIVERIES AND RESOLUTION OF ANGOLAN CONFLICT IN CONTEXT OF OAU.

2. HOWEVER, DURING COURTESY CALL BY DIPLOMATIC CORPS AFTERNOON DECEMBER 31, PRESIDENT AMIN TOOK LEFTIST LINE ON ANGOLA. AMIN SAID THAT 20 OF 46 OAU MEMBERS STATES HAD UP TO PRESENT RECOGNIZED MPLA AND THAT THESE STATES HAD BEEN PRINCIPALLY MOTIVATED BY SOUTH AFRICAN COMBAT INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. HE FORESAW  
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DANGER OF A DIVIDED ANGOLA IF HOSTILITIES PERSISTED.

3. BRUNT OF AMIN'S REMARKS WAS TO EXONERATE SOVIET UNION SAYING THAT USSR HAD "ALWAYS" LENT SUPPORT TO MPLA AND MANY OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD AND THAT THIS WAS LEGITIMATE ASSISTANCE. NO SOVIET TROOPS HAD EVER BEEN CAPTURED IN ANGOLA BUT SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS HAD. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF CUBA INVOLVEMENT.

4. IT WAS IMPORTANT AMIN SAID TO PREVENT DIRECT AFRICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, AND SHOULD SUCH TAKE PLACE HE STATED HIS READINESS TO DESPATCH UGANDAN GROUND AND AIR UNITS TO ANGOLA TO REMOVE THEM. THE FORMOST OF THE BRIEF MEETING WITH AMIN MADE NO PROVISION FOR QUESTION OR REBUTTAL.

5. WITH SOME FAST FOOTWORK, ZAIRIAN FONMIN BULA WAS ABLE TO REACH BANGUI WITH SEVERAL HOURS OF AMIN'S PRESENTATION ON ANGOLA. AN EVENING STATE RECEPTION BY BOKASSA FOR AMIN WAS DELAYED NEARLY TWO HOURS TO ENABLE BULA TO MEET WITH AMIN.

6. FOLLOWING RECEPTION BULA ASKED TO SEE CHARGE TO CONVEY HIS VIEW THAT HE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PUTTING AMIN BACK ON THE RIGHT COURSE IN REGARD TO ANGOLA. BULA SAID THAT HE WAS NOW SANGUINE ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR TRIPARTITE DECLARATION (MOBUTU/AMIN/BOKASSA) ON ANGOLA (REFTEL) PRIOR TO AMIN'S DEPARTURE FOR KAMPALA AT 1400 HOURS LOCAL TIME JANUARY 1. DECLARATION WOULD CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER SUCH DECLARATION BULA SAID MUST ALSO CONDEMN EXPLICITLY SOVIET MILITARY ENGAGEMENT IN ANGOLA. SWING

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